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Won't it be nice when the straw-
berry goes to be as cheap as the straw
hat?

There is a movement on foot in
Portland to organize a union com-
posed of men who have been indicted.
It promises to be one of the largest
organizations in the state.

It seems that in Texas, even at a
prohibition meeting, everybody stands
a chance to get shot.

It has just been announced that J.
Pierpont Morgan has a coat of arms.
It is probably the same that is seen
on the map of the world.

Johan Hoch and Nan Patterson
must excuse us out here for our in-
magnitich. We are busy just now
wondering when that test case of
gambling is to come off.

It is announced that at Atlantic
City the rolling chairs must not be
more than 36 inches wide. Grover
Cleveland will spend the summer at
Buzzard Bay.

It is stated in a dispatch that a wo-
man at San Jose, Cal., has gone crazy
from consulting a clairvoyant. Anyone
who consults a clairvoyant hasn't far
to go.

The severity of the recent winter is
again brought to mind in a Colorado
village, where a man has been sun-
struck while shoveling snow from his
garden patch.

A French professor declares that
radium will cure snake bites. But
what's the use of radium when the old,
recognized remedy still sells for 10
cents a glass in Astoria.

The young Astoria man who de-
lights in spending his money will be
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No trouble to show goods.

The
BEE HIVE
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Mr. Rockefeller can forgive other
people for their unkind opinions of
him now that he has been indorsed by
several of his Standard Oil associates.

If democracy ever gets a Moses it
must not expect immediate results
from his leadership. The Israelites of
old wandered 40 years in the wilder-
ness and democracy has only been
there 12.

"I hope you have a clear conscience
in this matter."

"Well," answered the Portland man,
who had been indicted for graft, "I
have the next best thing."

"What is that?"

"A good lawyer."

PREACHER AND EDITOR.

Two years ago a prominent clergy-
man was permitted to get out the is-
sue of a Kansas newspaper. Every-
body looked forward to the issue with
expectancy, expecting to see one of
the finest papers ever turned off from
a press. When it was issued the peo-
ple were disappointed. People said a
man might make a good preacher and
not a good editor. Last Monday, Rev.
Chapman, the evangelist, published
the Seattle Star one day as a "Chris-
tian newspaper." There were a few of
the devoted who seemed to be pleased
with the paper, while a very large
number pronounced it rot.

There are a few men on earth who
lack confidence in their ability to
manage their neighbor's business bet-
ter than he does it. In newspaperdom
it is traditional that the only man in
town with doubt as to the proper con-
duct of the newspaper is the editor.
Probably it would be difficult to con-
vince most men, and last of all the
clergymen, that this editorial doubt is
based upon an apprehension that the
tone of the paper is a trifle more dif-
ferential to accepted morals and high
ideals than is satisfactory to the aver-
age Christian community. Quite nat-
urally our brethren of the pulpit
believe that they could accomplish in-
estimable good if permitted to address
the newspaper's large and more mis-
cellaneous congregation of readers
with heart to heart talks. Doubtless
they could do it—if they could hold
the attention of the congregation.

The American newspaper directory
makes a volume considerably larger
than the Bible of common use. Daily
newspapers are numbered by the thou-
sands, and we believe it is strictly
true that no one of them is devoted
chiefly to dissemination of religious
news or religious views. Even the
weeklies published as religious or
church journals most frequently are
found selling space for the promotion
of that sort of merely temporal sal-
vation from purely physical ills prom-
ised through faith in patent medi-
cines. The greatest religious revival
known to the country in a genera-
tion has not commanded the space in
the columns of the public press which
has been given by the most conserva-
tive journals to reports of very ordi-
nary prize fights. These facts do not
prove that a preacher does not know
how a Christian newspaper should be
run or that such a newspaper cannot
be established, but they afford a rea-
sonably conclusive evidence that the
public demand for such a newspaper
is neither general or urgent, and sug-
gest a reason why the preacher who
has faith in his newspaper ability ex-
ercises it to create a temporary sen-
sation through some other person's
newspaper instead of adopting the
profession as a regular business in
the work of either saving souls or
earning his livelihood.

HONOR CONFERRED.

Judging from the way indictments
are being handed out with a prospect
of the entire city government being
indicted, it must be considered an
honor in Portland to have indictments
thrust upon its prominent citizens.
Over 50 prominent people have been
indicted for timber land frauds, and
this is stated to be but a small be-
ginning. According to the published
dispatches in the Portland press the
entire city government is corrupt. A
special state grand jury is to be called
to investigate alleged crookedness and
bribery in connection with the con-
struction of sewers and bridges and
other municipal work. The indica-
tions are that there will be work
enough for all of the courts of Port-
land to keep them busy for the next
two years and give employment to
about five thousand jurymen.

The latest scandal is that J. H.
Thatcher, district manager of the Pa-
cific State Telephone and Telegraph
Company, wrote a letter to Charles E.
Rumlin, a member of the Portland city
council, inclosing him a check for
\$5000, as compensation for defeating the
Los Angeles Telephone Co. franchise
asked by that company in Portland.

This accounts for why there are so
many candidates for mayor and coun-
cilmembers in Portland. It isn't the
office or the honor they seek, but the graft.
It used to be that a few years on the
police force in Portland was equiv-
alent to being a millionaire. Nearly
all the wealthy people of Portland
were on the police force at one time
and that is where they made their
fortunes. A large number of former
councilmembers are rated high financially
in the commercial world, all accumu-
lated while serving as councilmen in
Portland. Some of the wealthy men
of Portland used to carry the hod,
developed into small contractors, se-

cured one big city contract and are
today retired millionaires.

Portland claims a population of
140,000 and considering that not quite
half of the population has been in-
dicted, and only a few have been sent
to the penitentiary, it may be able to
keep ahead of Seattle in point of
population, but the indications are at
present, if justice is meted out, that
there will be a large accession to the
population of Salem from immigration
from Portland, and we suppose the
convicts in the pen are enumerated
in the census. Diagonies would have a
hard time to find an honest man in
Portland today. Knights of the Garter
are conferred on people in some coun-
tries as a distinguishing mark, but in
Portland, in order to get into good
society or have any standing in the
community a man must be indicted by
a grand jury.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. Carey of Portland was in the city
yesterday.

D. S. Kelly of Knappa was in the
city yesterday.

Wm. Harrison of Olney was in the
city yesterday.

R. M. Wooden of Jewell was in the
city yesterday.

A. E. Johnson of Portland was in the
city yesterday.

Henry Settem of Knappton was in the
city yesterday.

George W. Jones of Seattle was in the
city yesterday.

J. W. Wolf of San Francisco was in the
city yesterday.

A. E. Peterson of North Dakota is
visiting in the city.

C. F. Lester of Warrenton was in the
city yesterday.

Mrs. Gallagher of Youngs River was
in the city yesterday.

Andrew Young of Youngs River was
in the city yesterday.

Geo. McFarland of Green Mountain
was in the city yesterday.

Olof Erickson of Lewis and Clark
was in the city yesterday.

Andrew Johnson of Tucker Creek
was in the city yesterday.

E. H. Eden and wife of Minneapo-
lis are visiting in the city.

Hon. Benj. Young has returned from
a business trip to Portland.

Louis Martin left for Portland yes-
terday morning on business.

Frank Moody will leave in a few
days on a visit to Vermont.

Wm. Harder of Portland visited
friends in Astoria yesterday.

E. W. Lane of Portland was regis-
tered at the Occident yesterday.

Hon. T. B. Kay of Salem was in
the city yesterday on business.

G. W. Sanborn returned from a busi-
ness trip to Portland last evening.

Karl H. Vesper of San Francisco
registered at the Occident yesterday.

Robert Lindenberg returned yes-
terday from a business trip to Port-
land.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaustland are in
the city visiting with Mr. and Mrs.
W. E. McAfee.

I. N. Foster, formerly of Jewell, has
moved to Portland, where he will in
the future reside.

F. L. Dunbar of Salem came down

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spend Sunday in Astoria.

Harry George, who has been attend-
ing school in Portland, spent the past
week with his parents in this city.

J. O. Sutton and family left for Sa-
lem last evening where Mr. Sutton
was called on account of the illness
of his mother.

Cheated Death.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally,
but by choosing the right medicine, E.
H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated
death. He says: "Two years ago I had
kidney trouble, which caused me
great pain, suffering and anxiety, but
I took Electric Bitters, which effected
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